

### Updated Inclement Weather Policy

As we move into the winter season, we want to ensure that all families and staff are informed and prepared in the event of inclement weather. To support safety and clear communication, we have updated our inclement weather policy.

When snow, ice, or other severe weather is **forecast**, CVDS will make a determination about whether a **late start** is necessary for the following morning. This decision will be communicated **no later than 10:00 PM** the night before.

A **late start** will mean that CVDS opens at **10:00 AM**. This delayed opening allows our staff time to:

- Determine whether MISD (Mercer Island School District) is canceling school
- Assess road conditions on Mercer Island
- Evaluate road and safety conditions in the areas where our teachers live and commute from

If weather conditions worsen overnight or if a late start is not sufficient, **any full school closures will be communicated by 7:00 AM** the morning of.

Our goal is always to prioritize the safety of our children, families, and staff while keeping you as informed as possible.

As a reminder, in the event of a school delay, cancellation or emergency, families will be contacted using our mass notification system. During such days, to get immediate updates via email and text, please subscribe to the Flash Alert Network at <http://www.flashalert.net> (select "Country Village Day School" as your FlashAlert.) Don't forget to download the free FlashAlert Messenger iOS/Android app. Schools delays and cancellations will also be posted on CVDS's Facebook page, CVDS website ([www.countryvillagedayschool.org](http://www.countryvillagedayschool.org)) and on ClassDojo.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation as we enter the winter months. Please don't hesitate to reach out with any questions.